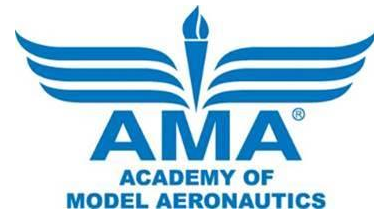


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## **Academy of Model Aeronautics celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Apollo 11 moon landing**

*Academy of Model Aeronautics celebrates 50th anniversary of Apollo 11 moon landing with museum exhibit, model rocket launch, and remembrance of former AMA member Neil Armstrong.*

MUNCIE, IN— The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) invites the public to visit the International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie, Indiana, for its celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon mission. AMA will celebrate with a model rocket launch at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2019. The AMA’s world-class museum, the National Model Aviation Museum, is also hosting a temporary photograph exhibit honoring the first man to walk on the moon, now through September 30, 2019.

“AMA is proud to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing, and the life of one of our most prestigious members, Neil Armstrong,” stated Chad Budreau, AMA’s executive director.

Not only will the AMA host the celebration on July 16, but we have also completed a series of promotions to honor Neil Armstrong and share his passion for model flying. In the article published in the June 2019 issue of *Model Aviation*, “One Small Step With Model Aviation,” AMA Staff Writer and Copy Editor Rachelle Haughn shares the story of Neil’s life and his early interest in aviation, which can be traced to model airplanes.

Here’s an excerpt from the article:

“It began with a trip to a small-town dime store in Ohio when he was roughly 3 years old. He asked his mother for an airplane. According to his biography, when faced with a choice between a 10¢ and a 20¢ airplane, she bought him the latter. How could she say no to her smart, curious, blonde-headed little boy? That was the beginning of his love of aeromodeling, sparking a passion that would lead to a life that altered the course of history. That was merely one step for a little boy who would one day take one giant leap for mankind.”

AMA has also produced a video detailing Neil Armstrong’s history and his passion for model aviation. View the video and the article on AMA’s website at <https://www.modelaircraft.org/neilarmstrong>.

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*The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), founded in 1936, serves as the nation's collective voice for approximately 185,000 modelers in roughly 2,000 clubs in the US and Puerto Rico. Headquartered in Muncie, Indiana, AMA is a membership organization representing those who fly model aircraft for recreational and educational purposes. For more information, visit [www.modelaircraft.org](http://www.modelaircraft.org).*